

Minutes
Bikeway Committee
Thursday, November 21, 2013

7pm meeting called to Order

Attendance: Ken Pottel, Susan Sullivan, Geoff Sullivan, Bob Espindola, Mark Badwey, Joyce Barrett and Bill Roth

Members of New Bedford Bike Committee for joint meeting on New Bedford/Fairhaven Bridge conditions were also in attendance

Minutes of October 17, 2013 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report, Susan Sullivan: \$729 in account.

Ken Pottel gave report on House Bond Bill supporting bike path funding

Julie Kelly gave report on Fairhaven/New Bedford Bridge status. Bob Espindola presented photos of bridge conditions and proposed using the south side sidewalk as bike route.

Discussion and proposals from both Fairhaven and New Bedford Bike committees:

- North side of bridge is currently not an accessible route
- advocating improved signage for wayfinding
- pointing out needed surface repairs and additions to create a safe route along South side of Route 6/bridge
- pointing out needed maintenance areas (brush clearing in summer)
- Informal group to manage correspondence and proposals proposed

Mrs. Kelly recommends aiming requests and correspondence as high as possible in the DOT hierarchy.

Temporary crosswalks and signage during construction have proved very useful; discussion included maintaining these sidewalks and adding additional crosswalks.

CPC proposal under way

Bill Roth apprised committee of status of proposed Main and Middle street reconfiguration. Stressed importance of gaining public acceptance.

Next meeting- January 16, 2014 at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mat Coes